

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice provides the 2008 and 2009 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities which, under the IG Act, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to publish. The 2007 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities was published in the Federal Register on December 3, 2007 (72 FR 67,985). This list is also posted on the OMB Web site at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb. The list of Designated Federal Entities has been updated to reflect the: (1) deletion of the Federal Housing Finance Board (Pub. L. 110–289, sec. 1311); and (2) replacement of the “Chairperson” with the “Board” as head of the National Credit Union Administration (12 U.S.C. 1752). The list of Federal Entities has been updated to reflect the: (1) Deletion of the National Commission on Library and Information Science (Pub. L. 110–161, 121 Stat. 2204, Division G, Title V, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008); (2) addition of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation; and entity head: Chairperson (Pub. L. 110–161, 121 Stat. 2204, Division B, Title IV, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008); and (3) addition of the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects; and entity head: Federal Coordinator (15 U.S.C. 720d).

The list is divided into two groups: Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities. Designated Federal Entities are listed in the IG Act, except for those agencies that have ceased to exist or that have been deleted from the list. The Designated Federal Entities are required to establish and maintain Offices of Inspector General to: (1) Conduct and supervise audits and investigations relating to programs and operations; (2) promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of, and to prevent and detect fraud and abuse in such programs and operations; and (3) provide a means of keeping the entity head and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for, and progress of, corrective actions. Section 8G(a)(1) of the IG Act defines a “Federal entity” as: Any Government corporation (within the meaning of section 103(1) of title 5, United States Code), any Government controlled corporation (within the meaning of section 103(2) of such title), or any other entity in the Executive Branch of the Government, or any independent regulatory agency, but does not include: (1) An establishment (as defined in section 11(2) of this Act) or part of an establishment; (2) A designated Federal entity [as defined in section 8G(a)(2) of the Act] or part of a designated Federal entity; (3) The Executive Office of the President; (4) The Central Intelligence Agency; (5) The Government Accountability Office; or (6) Any entity in the judicial or legislative branches of the Government, including the Administrative Office of the United States Courts and the Architect of the Capitol and any activities under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol.

Pursuant to section 8G(h)(2) of the IG Act, Federal Entities are required to report annually to each House of the Congress and OMB on audit and investigative activities in their organizations.

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Herein follows the text of the 2008 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities.

2008 List of Designated Federal Entities and Federal Entities

Section 8 of the IG Act, as amended, requires OMB to publish a list of designated Federal entities and Federal entities and the head of such entities. Designated Federal entities are required to establish Offices of Inspector General and Federal entities are required to report upon annual audit and investigative activities to each House of Congress and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
5. Armed Forces Retirement Home—Chief Operating Officer.
7. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board—Chairperson.
8. Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation—Chairperson.
12. Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled—Chairperson.
13. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims—Chief Judge.
14. Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for DC—Director.
17. Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation—Chairperson.
22. Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation—Chairperson.
23. Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development—Chairperson.
24. Institute of Museum and Library Services—Director.
25. Inter-American Foundation—Chairperson.
29. Merritt Systems Protection Board—Chairperson.
30. Millennium Challenge Corporation—Chief Executive Officer.
34. National Mediation Board—Chairperson.
35. National Transportation Safety Board—Chairperson.
37. Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation—Chairperson.
41. Office of Government Ethics—Director.
42. Office of Navajo and Hopi Indian Relocation—Chairperson.
43. Office of Special Counsel—Special Counsel.
44. Overseas Private Investment Corporation—Board of Directors.
45. Presidio Trust—Chairperson.
46. Selective Service System—Director.
47. Smithsonian Institution/John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Chairperson.
48. Smithsonian Institution/National Gallery of Art—President.
49. Smithsonian Institution/Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars—Director.
50. Trade and Development Agency—Director.
54. Vietnam Education Foundation—Chairperson.
55. White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance—Chairperson.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE


AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) received petitions in connection with the 2008 GSP Annual Review to waive the competitive need limitations (CNLs) on imports of certain products that are eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP program. This notice announces CNL waiver petitions that are accepted for further review and country practice petitions that continue to be under evaluation for acceptance in the 2008 GSP Annual Review. This notice also sets forth the schedule for comment and public hearings on the CNL waiver petitions, requesting participation in the hearings, submitting pre-hearing and post-hearing briefs, and commenting on the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) report on probable economic effects. The list of accepted petitions to waive CNLs and the list of country practice petitions that continue to be under review for acceptance in the 2008 GSP Annual Review are available at: http://www.ustr.gov/Trade_Development/Preference_PROGRAMS/GSP/GSP_2008_Annual_Review/Section_index.html.

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DATES: The GSP regulations (15 CFR Part 2007) provide the schedule of dates for conducting an annual review unless otherwise specified in a Federal Register notice. The current schedule with respect to the review of CNL waiver petitions is set forth below. Notification of any other changes will be given in the Federal Register.

February 13, 2009 Pre-hearing briefs and comments, requests to testify at the GSP Subcommittee Public Hearing, and hearing statements must be submitted by 5 p.m.

February 26, 2009 GSP Subcommittee Public Hearing on all CNL waiver petitions accepted for the 2008 GSP Annual Review in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F St., NW., Washington, DC 20508, beginning at 9 a.m.

March 12, 2009 Post-hearing briefs and comments must be submitted by 5 p.m.

May 2009 USITC scheduled to publish report on products for which CNL waivers have been requested in the 2008 GSP Annual Review (cases 2008–14 to 2008–19). Comments on the USITC report on these products are due 10 calendar days after USITC date of publication.

June 30, 2009 Notifications to the list of articles eligible for duty-free treatment under the GSP resulting